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OVER-SPEED PROTECTION

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AMENDMENT

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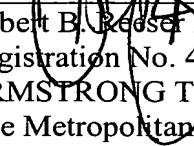
Sir:

The Office Action mailed November 26, 2002, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I, II and III are clearly related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of any claim group would be relevant to the examination of the remaining groups. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

In response to the election of a species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, applicant elects Species C. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 belong to the elected species.

Respectfully Submitted,


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